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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: USIS DRUG FILM

1. MISSION IS GETTING LARGE NUMBER OF INQUIRIES FROM GOC OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE COLOMBIANS RE SCREENING OF ASHLEY HAWKEN DRUG FILM, PRODUCTION OF WHICH BEGAN ONE YEAR AGO THIS MONTH. AS AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT AWARE, WE PROMISED GOC NARCOTIS OFFICIALS WE WOULD SEEK THEIR APPROVAL PRIOR TO RELEASING FILM FOR PUBLIC SHOWING HERE. WE ARE CONFIDENT THIS APPROVAL WILL BE ENTHUSIASTIC AND IMMEDIATE ONCE THESE OFFICIALS SEE THE FINAL PRODUCT.

2. CONTINUED DELAYS IN COMPLETING FILM PRODUCTION AND SCREENING HERE CAN, HOWEVER, CAUSE US PROBLEMS. SOME OF THE GOC OFFICIALS KEY TO THIS PRODUCTION--FOR EXAMPLY, FORMER NATIONAL DRUG COUNCIL EXCESEC RESTREPO-- HAVE ALREADY MOVED OUT OF THE DRUG FIELD. OTHER KEY NARCO OFFICIALS--GENERAL MATAALLANA OF DAS AND CAPTAIN CAMPO OF THE NATIONAL POLICE--ARE SLATED FOR MID-YEAR TRANSFERS. THEREFORE, UNLESS WE CAN

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SCREEN THE FINISHED PRODUCT BEFORE JUNE 15, WE WILL LIKE-

LY BE OBLIGED TO CONVINCING A NEWLY-APPOINTED, INEXPERIENCED GROUP OF GOC NARCOTICS OFFICIALS THAT THE FILM IS A VALUABLE TOOL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST SPREADING DRUG ABUSE AND TRAFFICKING. BECAUSE THESE OFFICIALS WILL NOT BE AWARE OF BACKGROUND FILM CONCEPT, BRIEFINGS WILL TAKE TIME AND WILL LIKELY DELAY FILM RELEASE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. THOUGH WE FULLY AWARE THAT USIS IS ENGAGED IN PRIORITY FILM PRODUCTION MARKING BICENTENNIAL, REQUEST AGENCY MAKE EVERY EFFORT GET AT LEAST ON FINISHED PRINT OF DRUG FILM TO US PRIOR JUNE 15.
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